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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

1. Claims 129-138 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. In claims 129-131 and 133-134, there is no written description of a "first magnet". In claims 129-130 and 135, there is no written description of a "second magnet".

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 129-138 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claims 129-131 and 133-134, the limitation of a "first magnet", and in claims 129-130 and 135, the limitation of a "second magnet" are indefinite and inaccurate. Herein, it is best understood that the "first magnet" is referring to magnetic sheet 32 and the "second magnet" is referring to magnetic sheet 40. Claim 132 is indefinite because Surlyn has no clear meaning.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 3. Claims 1-6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tucker, Sr. (5,332,214). Tucker Sr. discloses a putter head 15, striking face 9, one or more fittings 19, support member 11, passageway or recess area 24.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 4. Claims 7, 9-14, 38-46, 47-54, 72, 74, 89-97, 111-113, 118-126, and 129-138 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tucker, Sr. 214' in view of Dill (6,102,813). Regarding claims 9-14, and 47-54, and 90, and 95-97, 111-113, 119-124, 126, 129-130, Tucker, Sr. discloses the striking face are fastened by a set of screws but does not suggest other means of fastening the striking face. Dill 813' teaches that the striking plate 60 can be fastened to the body 50 by means of magnets. Thus, it would have been obvious and desirable in view of Dill '813 to one having

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ordinary skill in the art to provide magnetic means of striking face attachment as taught by Dill in lieu of screw-face attachment of Tucker, Sr. in order to facilitate assembly and replacement. Regarding claims 38-46, the method of replacing the face is an obvious necessary steps to replace the striking face and it would have been obvious in view of Dill in the face construction of Tucker. Regarding claim 89, Tucker, Sr. discloses a changeable elastomeric face 9 (Summary of Invention). Regarding claims 91 and 94, Tucker, Sr. discloses a shaft 17 fixing to the head. Regarding claims 92-93, the force required to detach the face is greater than the joining force would have been obvious matter of design optimization. Regarding claims 7, 14, 118, 125, it would have been obvious that the magnetic field in the face attachment provides self-attachment to the body without the use of a tool. Regarding claim 131, Tucker, Sr. discloses a weight 13 which is functionally equivalent to the metal core, seated inside the head body 19 or shell, and the support member 11 in view of Dill is made of a magnetic material and this "magnetic" support member 11 is attached to the weight 13. Regarding claim 132, Official Notice is taken that it is known in the art to made the shell body with plastic material including SurlynTM and it would have been obvious to do so here to facilitate assembly and ease in molding. Regarding claims 72, 74, and 133-138, Tucker, Sr. discloses fasteners (21, 23, 30, 31) to secure the support member. With respect to the first and second magnets or magnetic sheets, it would have been obvious in view of Dill to one having ordinary skill in the art to provide variation of magnetic sheets in Tucker Sr.'s putter or at most thru design optimization in order to properly attach the striking face to the body.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tom P Duong whose telephone number is (703) 305-4559. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Sewell can be reached on (703) 308-2126. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7768 for regular communications and (703) 305-3579 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-4148.

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